Calif. Denies San Clemente Police $117,000 Grant for Nixon Protection

SACRAMENTO, Calif., March 10 (AP)—The administration of Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. has refused to allot the San Clemente Police Department $117,000 in state and federal aid to help protect former President Nixon, a spokesman said today.

Bill Stall, Brown's press secretary, said the state Office of Criminal Justice Planning—[OCJP] has turned down the city's application for part of the state's allocation from the federal Law Enforcement Assisitance Adminstration.

"It's being rejected because they [the OCJP] feel this is a federal matter and not appropriate use of these funds," Stall said.

The San Clemente Police Department has received $558,924 in LEAA funds over the past four years, he said. But those funds, spent during Nixon's presidential years, were discretionary grants and not subject to state approval.

One of the uses for the funds, according to the San Clemente request, was to protect Nixon from the dangers of "dissidents and mentally disturbed persons attracted to a president or ex-president."

Stall said Brown, a Democrat elected Nov. 5, used this request earlier in the year as an example of incorrect use of LEAA funds.

"As I recall, he [Brown] said the program is to find innovative means of crime prevention, while the San Clemente project was subsidizing operation of the police department," said Stall.

The $117,000 grant request was rejected by OCJP interim director E. Ken Nelson, Stall said. He said Brown took no direct role in rejecting the grant, except his public comments on it.